MISCELLANEOUS.

Subject No. 145.

(a) Paid agents for Agricultural Banks.

Summary of discussion.—(*a*) The members of an Agricultural Bank receive no remuneration for their services in connection with the Bank. It is difficult to select from among the members an intelligent and qualified person to be agent. It is therefore necessary to employ a paid agent.

Reply of Government.—Noted for consideration.

(b) Cashing cheques of Agricultural Banks.

Summary of discussion.—(*b*) Taluk officials refuse to cash cheques in connection with Agricultural Banks. This leads to difficulties and delays.

The complaint has special reference to a cheque issued on the 20th September last by the President and Agent of the Sargur Bank and not yet cashed.

Reply of Government.—Owing to suspected mismanagement, payment in the particular case referred to is understood to have been withheld pending investigation.

Subject No. 146.

Modification of Rules under the Epidemic Diseases Regulation.

Summary of discussion.—The rules under the Epidemic Diseases Regulation should be modified so as to render them agreeable to the people. The member introducing this subject said that his complaint was chiefly about the malpractices and irregularities of petty officials of the Plague Department. At Bannur, roofs of several houses were removed during the rainy season to the injury of the houses, and everything therein exposed. At Srirangarajpur, considerable property was lost, boxes being broken open and grain pits looted. Police protection was inefficient, and people were prohibited from entering their houses on pain of prosecution.

Mr. Nadig Krishnappa of Krishnarajpete said that Kikkeri people too had a similar grievance, and property in deserted houses was not properly guarded by the Police.

Mr. Nadig Sivappa of Sorab Taluk remarked that Government had spent several lakhs of Rupees on Plagu measures; but nothing definite had been ascertained as t the cause of the appearance and spread of the disease When rats die, it is a clear indication that Plague *wil appear* and people themselves *will* evacuate their places o abode. Nothing more is required. People should be en couraged to do everything needful for themselves. *Wh spend* more money? The Regulation may be *repealed* an people left alone. Plague should be treated like any other dis ease all restrictions such as disinfection, compulsory se gregation, detention, &c., being removed.

Per contra.—Mr. Venkatramaiya of Chitaldrug spok in favor of the strict enforcement of the plague measures If anything, even more stringent rules are desirable.

Reply of Government.—Any individual complaints shoul have been brought to the notice of the local authorities